

## U.S. Department of Justice

Drug Enforcement Administration FOI/Records Management Section 8701 Morrissette Drive Springfield, Virginia 22152

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Case Number: 18-00920-F

Subject: All records such as policies, manuals, guidelines, and directives, concerning undercover operations or activities that infiltrate media organizations

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Dear Mr. Higgins:

This letter responds to your Freedom of Information Act/Privacy Act (FOIA/PA) request letter dated July 20, 2018, addressed to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA). Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit, seeking access to DEA records pertaining to the above subject.

After reviewing your request as constituted, SARF forwarded your request to program offices within DEA that would be best suited to respond. As a result, DEA is unable to locate responsive records to your request.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

You may contact our FOIA Public Liaison at 202-307-7596 for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, Room 2510, 8601 Adelphi Road, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001; e-mail at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

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If you are not satisfied with my response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director. Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue. NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website: <a href="https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline.action-public/home">https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline.action-public/home</a>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you may contact our Customer Service Hotline at (202) 307-7596.

Sincerely,

Katherine L. Myrick, Chief

Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Unit

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